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3. Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
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5. Copies of six (6) cited documents;
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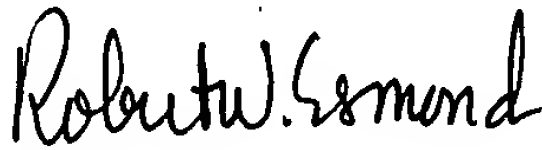
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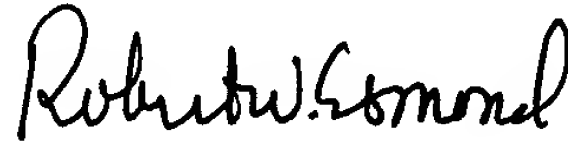
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